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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Communication: *Sprint Nextel Petition to Allow Wideband Operations in 800 MHz Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio Service Bands*
WT Docket 11-110

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to inform you that on February 21, 2012, Richard Engelman, Director – Spectrum Resources, Government Affairs, and the undersigned, met with Louis Peraertz, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, to discuss Sprint Nextel’s pending Petition to authorize wideband operations in the 800 MHz Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio (“ESMR”) Service band. It is our understanding that there is an item on circulation regarding Sprint Nextel’s Petition.

Sprint Nextel provided a brief summary of this proceeding, the context of Sprint Nextel’s Petition and the status of its CDMA deployment across the United States. We also addressed Sprint Nextel and public safety’s substantial progress in the 800 MHz band reconfiguration initiative as well as the technical measures Sprint Nextel is taking to ensure no harmful interference from its proposed CDMA operations in the 800 MHz band.

Notably, to address general concerns raised by Public Safety that deployment of Sprint Nextel’s long-planned CDMA Network in the 800 MHz ESMR band, Sprint Nextel reiterated that its planned CDMA operations would be in a sub-band of the 800 MHz ESMR band where Sprint Nextel has operated for over fifteen years (862–866 MHz/817-821 MHz). Sprint Nextel also explained that due to enhanced CDMA filtering, its 800 MHz CDMA operations would be highly unlikely to contribute to interference in the 800 MHz NPSPAC band (866-869 MHz/821-824 MHz) while the 800 MHz band reconfiguration continues. Sprint Nextel noted its ongoing obligation to resolve any 800 MHz interference from its operations, regardless of technology, pursuant to the Commission’s well-developed rules. Sprint Nextel referred Mr. Peraertz to the technical information Sprint Nextel provided in its Reply Comments on August 16, 2011 at pages 7-10 and Appendices.¹

¹ See Sprint Nextel Reply Comments, dated August 16, 2011 at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/document/view?id=7021703390>.

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Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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